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Mr. Angus MacLean Thuermer
The Assistant to the Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Thuermer:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552, I hereby request access to, or a copy of, documents covering the period January 1, 1970, to this date concerning the following matters:

1. Any correspondence from officials of U.S. corporations seeking the Agency's guidance concerning any demands for payments, gratuities, or questionable commissions to officials of any foreign governments or of any foreign political parties, or agents apparently acting on their behalf, in connection with the foreign sales or investments by such U.S. corporations.
2. Any written responses by the Agency to any such inquiries by officials of U.S. corporations, together with any and all agency memoranda, reports or other documents relevant to such inquiries.
3. Any agency documents reflecting reports by its officials or employees concerning the type of foreign payments, gratuities or commissions referred to above.

This request specifically includes, but is not limited to, the following U.S. corporations and foreign countries: Gulf Oil Corp. and its subsidiaries or joint ventures operating in Venezuela, Ecuador, Bolivia, Nigeria, Canada and Italy; Exxon Corp. and its subsidiaries and joint ventures operating in Italy; Standard Oil Co. of California and its subsidiaries and joint ventures operating in Italy; Northrop Corp. and its subsidiaries and joint ventures operating in Saudi Arabia, Iran, Thailand and Indonesia; Phillips Petroleum Corp. and its subsidiaries and joint ventures operating in Nigeria, Great Britain and Norway; Bank of America and its subsidiaries and joint

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ventures operating in Honduras; United Brands Co. and its subsidiaries and joint ventures operating in Honduras, Panama and Costa Rica; Del Monte Corp. and its subsidiaries and joint ventures operating in Guatemala, Honduras, Panama and Costa Rica; Castle & Cooke, Inc., and its subsidiaries and joint ventures operating in Honduras, Costa Rica, the Phillipines and Taiwan; Coastal States Gas Corp. and its subsidiaries and joint ventures operating in Venezuela; Standard Oil Co. of Indiana and its subsidiaries and joint ventures operating in Zaire; Tempelsman & Co., New York, and its subsidiaries and joint ventures in Zaire.

If you determine that some portions of the documents are exempt from release, I request that you provide me with the remainder. I reserve my right to appeal any such decisions.

If you do not grant this request within 10 working days, I will consider my request denied. I reserve my right to appeal an adverse decision.

Sincerely yours,



Norman C. Miller
Washington Bureau Chief

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